

(1832) of the supplement to the code be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

"Before any beneficiary society, order or association shall be authorized to commence business within this state, it shall submit to the auditor of state its by-laws or rules by which it is to be governed, and also its articles of incorporation which shall include its plan of business. The auditor of state shall thereupon submit its articles of incorporation to the attorney-general for examination, and if found by him to be in harmony with this title, chapter and with law, he shall so certify upon said articles and return them to the auditor of state. If the auditor of state shall approve the articles and also the by-laws or rules, he shall issue to the society, order or association a permit in writing, authorizing it to transact business within this state for a period of one year from the first day of April of the year of its issue, for which certificate and all proceedings in connection therewith, there shall be paid to the auditor of state a fee of twenty-five dollars, and for each annual renewal thereof a like fee shall be paid; provided, however, that before such certificate shall be issued, the fraternal society, order or association shall have actual bona fide applications upon the lives of at least five hundred (500) persons, residents of this state, for at least one thousand dollars of insurance each, and the auditor of state may require the presentation of such applications, signed by the applicants themselves. No renewal of certificate of authority shall be made to any society, order, or association whose membership, in good standing, or the amount of whose insurance in force shall be reduced below the above requirements. Societies, orders or associations not organized under the laws of this state, in addition to the requirements of the provisions of section eighteen hundred twenty-nine (1829) of the code, must also comply with all of the provisions of this chapter, except as to the residence of membership; provided, that no such society, order or association shall be authorized to transact business within this state unless it shall be shown to have actual members, in good standing, of at least one thousand, and at least one million dollars of insurance in force."

SEC. 2. **In effect.** This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its publication in the "Register and Leader" and the "Des Moines Daily Capital," newspapers published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1904.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Daily Capital, March 31, 1904, and the Register and Leader, April 1, 1904.

W. B. MARTIN,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 63.

CONSOLIDATION OR RE-INSURANCE OF RISKS OF FRATERNAL BENEFICIARY SOCIETIES.

H. F. 256.

AN ACT to provide for consolidation or re-insurance of the risks of fraternal beneficiary societies with or by other societies or organizations, and providing a plan therefor. [Additional to chapter nine (9) of title nine (IX) of the code, relating to fraternal beneficiary societies, orders and associations.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Plan of consolidation or re-insurance—approval. When any fraternal beneficiary association shall propose to consolidate or enter into any re-insurance contract with any other association or organization, it shall present its proposed plan of consolidation or re-insurance, together with a

statement of the condition of its affairs to the auditor of state for his approval. Should he approve the plan, the same shall be submitted by any association proposing to re-insure its risks or transfer its business, to its local lodges or organizations or to a regular or special meeting of its supreme lodge or governing body to be voted upon, such notice being given as the auditor of state may direct. If, in the judgment of the auditor of state, it is deemed advisable he may also require the plan to be in like manner submitted to the association proposing to accept or re-insure the risks of any other association. In case two or more associations propose to consolidate, the proposed plan of consolidation shall be submitted, as above provided, to all of the associations interested in such consolidation. In any of the above cases, a two-thirds vote of all of the members of each association present and voting shall be necessary to an approval of any plan of consolidation or re-insurance, and in no case shall proxies be voted. On presenting to the auditor of state satisfactory proof that the foregoing provisions have been complied with and that the required number of votes have been cast in favor of the proposed plan, he shall issue to the associations an order to the effect that the plan has been approved, and the same shall be in force and effect from and after the date of such order, and the auditor of state shall direct such distribution of the assets of any such association or associations as shall be just and equitable.

SEC. 2. Expenses, how paid. All expenses or costs incident to proceedings under the provisions of this act shall be paid by the associations interested.

SEC. 3. Penalty. Any officer, director or manager of any association violating or consenting to the violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 4. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its publication in the "Register and Leader," and the "Des Moines Daily Capital," newspapers published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.

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CHAPTER 64.

BANK EXAMINERS.

S. F. 801.

AN ACT to repeal the law as it appears in section eighteen hundred seventy-five (1875) and eighteen hundred seventy-six (1876) of the code relating to the appointment, compensation and expenses of bank examiners, and providing a substitute therefor.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Repealed—examiners—fees. That the law as it appears in sections eighteen hundred and seventy-five (1875) and eighteen hundred and seventy-six (1876) of the code, be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

"The auditor of state may appoint not to exceed four bank examiners, to hold office at his pleasure, who shall give bond to the state, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their duties, in the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000), which shall be filed with and the sureties therein approved by said auditor. Said examiners shall receive as compensation for their services, a salary of eighteen hundred dollars each, per annum. The auditor of state